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Re: Application of Keiji MARUOKA, Takashi OOI and Kenji INOUE  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE  $\alpha$ -SUBSTITUTED CYSTEINE  
OR SALT THEREOF, INTERMEDIATE THEREOF, AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME  
Assignee: KANEKA CORPORATION  
Our Ref: O86735

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form..
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document
- ☒ an International Search Report, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references and a copy of each reference cited in the ISR.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee, upon consideration of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

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\* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

The Office is hereby directed and authorized to charge the statutory filing fee of \$1360.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-288401	October 1, 2002
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Respectfully submitted,

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